

**Meeting community needs in Mississippi.** More than **43,000** people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to solve problems and strengthen communities through **65** national service projects across Mississippi. Serving with national and community nonprofit organizations, faith-based groups, schools, and local agencies, these citizens tutor and mentor children, coordinate after-school programs, build homes, conduct neighborhood patrols, organize local homeland security efforts, respond to disasters, and recruit and manage volunteers. This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service will provide more than **\$14,300,000** to support Mississippi communities through three major programs:



**Senior Corps:** More than **4,900** seniors in Mississippi contribute their time and talents in one of three programs: **Foster Grandparents**, who serve one-on-one with more than **1,800** young people who have special needs; **Senior Companions**, who help more than **400** other seniors live independently in their homes; and **RSVP** volunteers, who work with more than **410** local groups to meet a wide range of community needs, including safety patrols with local police departments, environmental projects, tutoring and mentoring, and responding to natural disasters.



**AmeriCorps:** This year, more than **1,300 individuals** are serving in Mississippi communities as AmeriCorps members. In return, the members receive an education award of up to \$4,725 to help pay for college or pay back student loans. To date, more than **3,700** Mississippi residents have qualified for education awards totaling more than **\$18,000,000**. Two-thirds of AmeriCorps grants are made by the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service. National nonprofits, such as the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and the Student Conservation Association, make other assignments. Other members serve in AmeriCorps\*VISTA, and AmeriCorps\*NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps).



**Learn and Serve America:** Learn and Serve America provides schools, colleges, and community organizations with grants for service-learning. These grants help make it possible for more than **37,000** Mississippi students to meet community needs while improving their civic and academic skills and learning the habits of good citizenship.

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*"AmeriCorps members represent all that is good about Mississippi and our country. This program must gain more of the support of our national and local politicians."*

**Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

## What's Inside...

\* Mississippi At a Glance \* Program List  
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<u>Senior Corps</u>	<u>Projects</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Funding</u>
RSVP	12	4,283	\$643,785
Foster Grandparent Program	6	523	\$2,076,586
Senior Companion Program	3	156	\$673,215
<b>Senior Corps Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4,962</b>	<b>\$3,393,586</b>

<u>AmeriCorps</u>	<u>Program Sites</u>	<u>Members</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>Funding</u> <sup>2</sup>
AmeriCorps*State	13	602	\$6,974,373
AmeriCorps*National	12	639	\$1,494,644
AmeriCorps*VISTA	15	85	\$1,207,000
AmeriCorps Homeland Security	1	2	\$20,616
AmeriCorps*NCCC <sup>3</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>AmeriCorps Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1,328</b>	<b>\$9,696,633</b>

<u>Learn and Serve America</u>	<u>Grantees</u>	<u>Subgrantees</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Funding</u>
School-based programs	1	46	33,916	\$716,499
Higher Education programs	1	7	3,237	\$299,972
Community-based programs	1	5	417	\$226,000
<b>Learn and Serve America Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>37,570</b>	<b>\$1,242,471</b>

<b>Total National Service Resources</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>43,860</b>	<b>\$14,332,690</b>
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<sup>1</sup> This figure represents the number of enrolled members, as of March 15th, 2003. Many AmeriCorps programs have additional slots which may be filled during the 2002-2003 program year.

<sup>2</sup> This figure does not include the education award that each AmeriCorps member receives after completing a term of service. To date, more than **3,700** Mississippi residents have qualified for education awards totaling more than **\$18,000,000**.

<sup>3</sup> Mississippi is served by the AmeriCorps\*NCCC campus located in Charleston, South Carolina. In the past year, AmeriCorps\*NCCC teams have served on projects in Brookhaven, Canton, Hattiesburg, Kansas City, and Perkinston.



# Senior Corps in Mississippi

Primary City or Region	Sponsor Organization Program Name <i>(If different)</i>	Number of Volunteers	Program Type
Bay St Louis	City of Waveland Hancock County RSVP	445	RSVP
Clarksdale	Coahoma Opportunities, Inc. Clarksdale RSVP	364	RSVP
Columbus	Lowndes County Council In Aging, Inc. Lowndes County RSVP	309	RSVP
Ellisville	Laurel-Jones County Council on Aging Jones County FGP	132	Foster Grandparents
Gulfport	Harrison County Human Resource Agency Harrison County RSVP	417	RSVP
Gulfport	Southern Mississippi PDD SCP of Harrison County	45	Senior Companions
Indianola	Sunflower-Humphreys Co's Pgrs Sunflower/Bolivar Counties SCP	72	Senior Companions
Jackson	Contact The Crisis Line RSVP of Hinds/Madison/Rankin Counties	300	RSVP
Kosciusko	City of Kosciusko Attala County RSVP	236	RSVP
Laurel	Laurel-Jones County Council on Aging Laurel-Jones County RSVP	285	RSVP
Mendenhall	Simpson County Human Resource Agency Simpson County RSVP	200	RSVP
Meridian	Multi-Co. Community Service Agency Lauderdale County FGP	114	Foster Grandparents
Meridian	United Way of East Mississippi RSVP Meridian/Lauderdale Counties	596	RSVP
Mississippi Delta	Save The Children Field Office (AR) MS River Delta FGP	39	Foster Grandparents
Natchez	City of Natchez RSVP Adams Co	410	RSVP
Oxford	Oxford/Lafayette County Chmbr Comm Lafayette County FGP	117	Foster Grandparents
Oxford	Oxford Park Commission Lafayette County RSVP	320	RSVP
Pascagoula	Division of Aging & Adult Service Mdhs Jackson County SCP	39	Senior Companions
Tupelo	Lift, Inc. Lee County RSVP	401	RSVP



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Primary City or Region	Sponsor Organization Program Name <i>(If different)</i>	Number of Volunteers	Program Type
Whitfield	Mental Health Assoc. Capital Area Hinds/Rankin FGP	88	Foster Grandparents
Yazoo City	Yazoo Community Action, Inc. Yazoo County FGP	33	Foster Grandparents
Total Number of National Senior Service Corps Volunteers		4,962	



# AmeriCorps in Mississippi

Primary City or Region	Sponsor Organization Program Name <i>(if different)</i>	Number of Enrolled Members	Program Type
Statewide	Delta State U. - Center for Community Development Mississippi Delta Services Corps	119	AmeriCorps*National
Statewide	Mississippi Department of Education	495	AmeriCorps*National
Statewide	America Reads-Mississippi	254	AmeriCorps*State
Statewide	Mississippi Department of Education Mississippi PowerPALS-Digital Divide	14	AmeriCorps*State
Statewide	Office of the Attorney General - Digital Divide <sup>1</sup> Mississippi CommunityNet Program	0	AmeriCorps*State
Statewide	Statewide Family Literacy Program	21	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Biloxi	University of Notre Dame Alliance for Catholic Education	7	AmeriCorps*National
Biloxi	Boys and Girls Club of the Gulf Coast AmeriCorps Takes ACTION	11	AmeriCorps*State
Cleveland	Ctr. for Community Development, Delta State Univ. Delta Reads Partnership AmeriCorps Program	67	AmeriCorps*State
Columbus	Boys and Girls Club of Columbus, Lowndes County	3	AmeriCorps*National
Greenville	Foundation for the Mid South	1	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Greenville	Foundation for the Mid South	1	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Greenville	MidSouth Promise Partnership	2	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Greenwood	Gulf Pines Girl Scout Council Northwest Mississippi Girl Scout Council	4	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Hattiesburg	University of Southern Mississippi Mississippi Citizen-Scholar Corps	6	AmeriCorps*National
Hattiesburg	University of Southern Mississippi Campus Link: Mississippi Mentors Corps	54	AmeriCorps*State
Hattiesburg	AmeriCorps*VISTA Service-Learning Initiative	15	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Hattiesburg	Gulf Pines Girl Scout Council	5	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Hollandale	Student Conservation Association <sup>1</sup> Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge	0	AmeriCorps*National
Jackson	American Red Cross - Jackson Homeland Security Program	2	AmeriCorps Homeland
Jackson	Mississippi Primary Care Association	2	AmeriCorps*National
Jackson	University of Notre Dame Alliance for Catholic Education	5	AmeriCorps*National
Jackson	Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities AmeriCorps MPOWERS	17	AmeriCorps*State
Jackson	Hinds County Board of Supervisors <sup>2</sup> Hinds County Rural AmeriCorps	0	AmeriCorps*State
Jackson	Hinds County Human Resource Agency Metro Jackson Svc Coalition AmeriCorps Project	40	AmeriCorps*State



# AmeriCorps in Mississippi

Primary City or Region	Sponsor Organization Program Name (if different)	Number of Enrolled Members	Program Type
Jackson	Jackson State University AmeriCorps Social Workers	30	AmeriCorps*State
Jackson	Jumpstart Mississippi	72	AmeriCorps*State
Jackson	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mississippi	6	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Jackson	Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Mississippi	2	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Jackson	Gulf Pines Girl Scout Council Girl Scout Council of Middle Mississippi	4	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Jackson	Jumpstart	1	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Jackson	Mississippi Association of Cooperatives	8	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Jackson	MS Faith-Based Coalition for Community Renewal	3	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Keesler AFB-Biloxi	Keesler Youth Center Keesler Youth Center	1	AmeriCorps*National
Kosciusko	Boys and Girls Club of Kosciusko/Attala County	1	AmeriCorps*National
Meridian	Student Conservation Association <sup>1</sup> Naval Air Station Meridian	0	AmeriCorps*National
Meridian	Youth Excitement Team	3	AmeriCorps*VISTA
North Mississippi	North Mississippi Regional Center Interactive Community Transitions	24	AmeriCorps*State
Tishomingo	Student Conservation Association <sup>1</sup> Crow's Neck Environmental Ed. & Conference Center	0	AmeriCorps*National
Tupelo	Boys and Girls Club of North Mississippi Promoting Resp. Individual Dedication to Excellence	19	AmeriCorps*State
Yazoo City	Yazoo Community Action, Inc.	9	AmeriCorps*VISTA
<b>Total Number of Enrolled AmeriCorps Members</b>		<b>1,328</b>	

This figure represents the number of enrolled members, as of March, 2003. Many AmeriCorps programs have additional slots which may be filled during 2003.

<sup>1</sup> This program has not yet enrolled AmeriCorps members for the 2002-2003 program year.

<sup>2</sup> This program is a planning grant, and will not be enrolling AmeriCorps members during the 2002-2003 program year.



# Learn and Serve America in Mississippi

Primary City or Region	Sponsor Organization Program Name <i>(if different)</i>	Students	In-State Subgrantees <sup>1</sup>	Program Type
Statewide	Mississippi Department of Education SEA and CHESP K-12 Lighthouse Partnerships	33,916	46	School-based
Decatur	American Association of Community Colleges East Central Community College	365	1	Higher Education
Hattiesburg	Student Coalition for Action in Literacy Education University of Southern Mississippi	35	1	Higher Education
Hattiesburg	University of Southern Mississippi Center for Community and Civic Engagement	2,837	5	Higher Education
Jackson	Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service Community-Based Lighthouse Partnership	417	5	Community-Based
<b>Total Number of Learn and Serve Participants</b>		<b>37,570</b>	<b>58</b>	

<sup>1</sup> If the subgrantees of a parent program are listed on this page, they are not also counted in that parent program's subgrant column. Also, subgrantees show a "1" in this column, which refers to themselves.



Through the **President's Student Service Challenge**, students in kindergarten through college receive presidential recognition for their outstanding community service. Students who serve 100 hours or more are eligible for a **President's Student Service Award**. Since 1999, more than 850 Mississippi students have received this award. In the **President's Student Service Scholarship** program, two students from each high school may receive a \$1,000 college scholarship for outstanding service to the community. Since 1997, more than 335 Mississippi students have received these scholarships.



The **National Service-Learning Leader Schools** program recognizes middle and high schools for their excellence in service-learning. Tupelo Middle School and McComb High School have been recognized as Leader Schools.



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Learn and Serve America Higher Education is a national program. The number of higher education programs in each state varies. Please see [www.learnandserve.org/about/higher\\_ed/index.html](http://www.learnandserve.org/about/higher_ed/index.html) for the program(s) in your region or contact Learn and Serve America program officer **Elson Nash**, at 202-606-5000 x529 or [enash@cns.gov](mailto:enash@cns.gov).

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